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FROM IAEA DEL

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: IAEA 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: PLO OBSERVER STATUS

1. DAVID FISCHER, AGENCY DIRECTOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, STATED TODAY THAT PLO REPRESENTATIVE HAD ASKED PRESIDENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE TO INSCRIBE HIM TO SPEAK TO PLENARY IN GENERAL DEBATE TODAY. PRESIDENT REPLIED TODAY NOT POSSIBLE, BUT AGREED INSCRIBE PLO AS SPEAKER TOMORROW AFTERNOON. (PRESIDENT EXPECTS COMMITTEE OF WHOLE WILL COMPLETE ITS WORK TOMORROW MORNING AND THAT GENERAL DEBATE WILL RESUME IN THE AFTERNOON).

2. FISCHER DESCRIBED QUESTION OF PERQUISITES OF OBSERVER IN IAEA TO BE COMPLEX AND ITS ANSWER UNCERTAIN." REPRESENTATIVES OF UN, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH
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AGREEMENTS WITH AGENCY HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE (INCLU-

DING SPEAK) WITHOUT VOTE. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SENT OBSERVERS TO GENERAL CONFERENCES UNDER STATUS DEFINED IN INFCIRC 14. THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ARE ENTITLED ATTEND ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND TO MAKE BRIEF STATEMENTS AT MAIN COMMITTEES AFTER FOLLOWING CERTAIN PROCEDURES. FISCHER NOTED PLO DOES NOT FALL INTO ANY OF THESE CATEGORIES.

3. FISCHER POINTED OUT THAT A SPEECH TO PLENARY BY PLO COULD BE CHALLENGED BY MEMBERS, BUT IN VIEW OF OVERWHELMING 46-4 VOTE ON INVITATION AS OBSERVER, SUCH CHALLENGE LIKELY TO BE SWAMPED. HE SUGGESTED BEST PLAN WOULD BE TO ENSURE PRESIDENT SET CLEARLY IN RECORD THAT PLO STATEMENT DEPENDED ON PERMISSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE AND WAS NOT MATTER OF RIGHT. HE THOUGHT THIS COULD BE ENSURED BY PRESIDENT INTRODUCING PLO STATEMENT BY STATEMENT TO EFFECT, "I BELIEVE IT IS THE WISH OF THIS CONFERENCE TO HEAR A STATEMENT BY THE PLO OBSERVER."

4. COMMENT: USDEL BELIEVES ATTEMPT CONTEST PLO MAKING STATEMENT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, COSTLY IN TERMS OF US PRESTIGE, AND DESTINED TO FAILURE. WE BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS BEST DIRECTED TO ENCOURAGING RESTRAINT AND AVOIDANCE OF POLITICAL CONTENTION ON PART OF PLO SPEAKER. UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS TO CONTRARY, THIS IS DIRECTION OUR EFFORTS WILL TAKE.

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